

Concord Nov. 24th /45

My dear Miss Weston

Mr Emerson has just
been in and made me Mr Potch's letter, in reply
to the one I mentioned from Mr E., asking in-
formation, whether the reports which had reached him
were correct. Mr Potch stated the matter substantially in
the same manner as you did, saying, however, that
the affair originated from dissatisfaction on the part of
some, at the contiguity of the Coloured people to the
whites in the Lyceum, and that they did not probably
force the result. You may say from me that Mr E.
will not lecture before the Lyceum. He says he told Mr
Potch that the Lyceum being a popular thing designed
for the benefit of all, particularly for the most ignorant
they being most in need of the instruction to be derived
from this source, he should not know how to address
an assembly where that class was excluded, and if any
were excluded it should be the cultivated classes.

I hope the report will go forth into every corner and
office of New Bedford, that Mr E. will not lecture before
the Lyceum, because its fruits show for whom it should
care for above all others with scorn & contempt. I am amazed
that those who pretend to believe in God's eternal law of
righteous retribution, could dare to do as they have done. And
I am still more surprised that those ^{whose} hearts were so far
penetrated with the wrong as to vote right, should not be
willing to act consistently enough with that vote to sign the

the Protest and keep away from any participation in the
doings of a body its acts so wickedly and in a manner so
disparaging mean as they have acted - I hope Mr Sumner will
also refuse to lecture before the Lyceum, and it seems to
me he will - I suppose you have informell him on the
subject - The sympathy of the thing should be much as apparent
as possible that our hearts be not pained by a repetition of
thing - I should think the Coloured people would hold
an indignation meeting, and express their sense of the un-
-righteousness of the deed and their estimation of the service
done them by Mr Emerson. I think this would give ad-
-ditional publicity to the thing and do much good. I am
sometimes selfish enough to regret ever having been an
Abolitionist, it has opened before me such a knowledge of
injustice and wrong that my soul is at times crushed and
my reason reels, my faith in God is lost and I am for
a while thus most wretched of all beings on Earth - I am
sorry that the people of New Bedford should have done what
they could to increase the wretchedness - I have another
side of the picture which I shall not show now because
New Bedford people have for the time being put it out
of my power. Mr Emerson says his friend Burgh Proctor
should have signed that protest. Why has he not?

I thank you for clearing the matter about Miss
Jarvis. and now I must say in haste for it is time
for the train to leave. Thus the Misses Thorne will go to
Boston to the fair and if any person can accommodate them
for a few days, they think of not staying long, I should

be glad as they have no friends near enough to this
place for them to stay with —

I am in such a hurry that I know
not what I have written if you can pick out the
main point of the letter that Mrs C. will not return
in your town, the object will be accomplished.

Yours very truly,

(M. M. Brooks)



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